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# **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Masashi OGAWA, Tsutomu HAMAOKA, Yutaka TAMURA,  
Tetsuhiko TACHIKAWA, Ikuo HASEGAWA, Shusaku YOSHIKI, Kohji  
HASEGAWA and Junji NISHIGAKI  
METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES  
USED FOR SAID METHOD  
**Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q65704



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/125,944 (Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned) filed February 10, 1999 of Masashi OGAWA, Tsutomu HAMAOKA, Yutaka TAMURA, Tetsuhiko TACHIKAWA, Ikuo HASEGAWA, Shusaku YOSHIKI, Kohji HASEGAWA and Junji NISHIGAKI entitled METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES USED FOR SAID METHOD.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449. The publications listed on the PTO Form 1449 are of record in the parent application and copies are present therein. The Assignment was filed in parent Application No. 09/125,944.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1631.

Priority is claimed from February 29, 1996 based on Japanese Application No. 42646/1996. The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/125,944.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Total claims       | <u>18</u> - 20 | = | <u>          </u> | x | \$18.00 | = | <u>          </u> | \$0.00   |
| Independent claims | <u>8</u> - 3   | = | <u>5</u>          | x | \$80.00 | = | <u>          </u> | \$400.00 |
| Base Fee           |                |   |                   |   |         |   |                   | \$710.00 |

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A check for the statutory fee of \$1110.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and



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any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time of three months is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/125,944. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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